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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed July 19, 2004.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicant notes reference U.S. Patent No. 5,549,069 also listed in the search report was/were previously cited to or by the Examiner.

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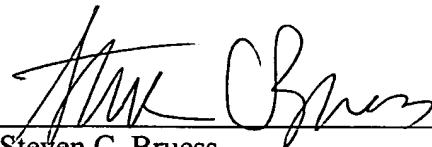
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